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# MUSEUM

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## A MUSEUM IN MULLUMBIMBY



<https://viviennepearson.com>

At the end of 2019 Vivienne Pearson, a freelance journalist who lives locally, visited the museum to write a feature on our collection for the magazine *On The Road* (<https://ontheroadmagazine.com.au/>)

However, just as it was to go to print in March 2020, COVID reared its ugly head and the magazine realized that its readers, mainly grey nomads, couldn't travel, so no go. With the lifting of most COVID restrictions and revival of travel opportunities in Australia, the magazine went to print in February this year. *On The Road* is available to peruse at the museum and is available at the local newsagents.

Vivienne sets the tone of her article with the following introduction:  
*After writing about a number of local museums for this illustrious magazine, I suddenly realized that I should write about my own!*

*The Mullumbimby Museum, run by the Brunswick Valley Historical Society, is a treasure trove of history from the area surrounding the Brunswick River. It covers*

*everything from Indigenous life through to the arrival of the hippies in the 1970s.*

*Before we delve into detail, a story. Five years ago, not long after I moved to the Mullumbimby area from Melbourne with my family, we decided to visit this museum. My son aged six at the time, was very excited. "Great," he declared. "It's been ages since I've seen the dinosaurs."*

*What followed was one of those parenting moments that no book can prepare you for. I had the unenviable task of breaking the news to a boy, whose only experience of museums was Melbourne Museum's life-sized dinosaur skeletons, that not all museums cover history in such a monumental way.*

*I can't recall how he coped with exploring local rather than geological history, but I certainly wasn't disappointed. We tend to only visit museums when we're travelling but visiting a local museum should be a compulsory rite of passage for new residents too....*

Vivienne then describes her experiences in the museum and shed, explaining several of the exhibitions on display. She concludes:

*The museum is a few blocks from the centre of Mullum's main street so it's perfect that one of the oldest businesses in town, Stuart's Menswear, which has been in operation for over 80 years, has dedicated one of their front windows to the museum.*

*Usually set up as a 'taster' display for one of the exhibits, this is a great way for this great museum to have another face in the community.*

Thanks Vivienne. Great exposure for our museum.



Students (aka volunteers) remembering their old school days. Courtesy of Vivienne.

## A Potpourri of Macgregorisms

Even though a potted life story of **John Macgregor**, *Laird of Glenlyon*, was published in [82.-Newsletter-March-2019.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](https://mullumbimbymuseum.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Macgregor-Reminisces.pdf), along with his personal recollections of the Brunswick's early development and Norco's evolution recorded on the BVHS website at <https://www.mullumbimbymuseum.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Macgregor-Reminisces.pdf>, as well as a cameo appearance in the life story of his great niece,

**Joyce Tulloch** (biography available BVHS Library), there's still room for more Macgregor meanderings, notwithstanding hundreds of references on Trove.

His death at Myocum on 18May1939 marked the end of an era, generating obituaries in all the local rags, while the Mullum Star reprinted its *Early Reminiscences* series with a new introduction, adding that *To many he was recalled as a popular bachelor, who in years gone by had been the life of every district function, while others would recall his work for the construction of the Federation Bridge (?) and still more remember him as "The Squire of Myocum."* *The part he played in the establishment of the Brunswick District will no doubt be his monument...* and then repeats his original observations with minor changes.

The eulogists noted that he was *one of the early pioneers to whose enterprise and indomitable spirit the foundation of the great dairying industry of the Far North Coast is due.*

*A staunch supporter of the principles of co-operation right from the cradle days of the dairying industry, the late Mr Macgregor was one of the hardy band of advocates which in the face of tremendous difficulties in the early days, successfully launched one of the greatest co-operative organisations in the world – Norco Co-operative Ltd....*

*After felling the scrub, he and brother **Alex** tried various means of making a livelihood, engaging in timber getting, poultry farming and cane growing.... The late Mr Macgregor, during the cane season, worked in the sugar mill owned by the late **Mr Alex McPherson** at Swan Bay (which led to his appointment as General Manager of the huge concern at Rous Mill in the late 1880s)....*

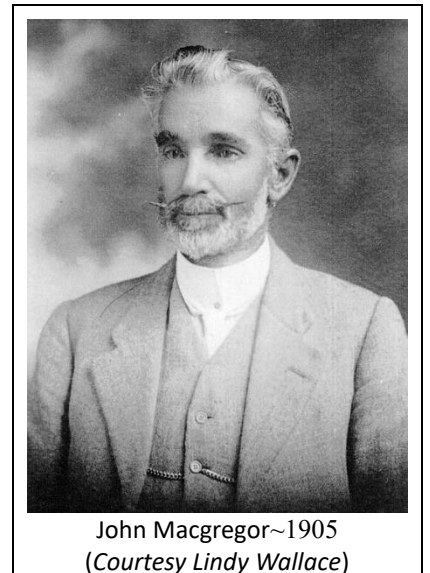
*During the period of the late Mr Macgregor's chairmanship, Norco expanded rapidly and new branches were acquired. He made several trips to England, the first being in a private capacity, when his itinerary included visits to St Petersburg, Moscow and Archangel, in Russia. With the late **Mr W.H. Clifford**, then manager of the company, he went to England in 1921 to arrange a market for Norco products. The knowledge gained on these occasions was of great value to the company.... His position as Chairman of Directors for a record 13yrs made him one of the most high-profile figures around the region, giving him great influence over local affairs as well as dairy politics further afield.*

*He was one of the first members of the Presbyterian Church in Mullumbimby and a senior Elder, being inducted in 1906. He was particularly fond of music and conducted the Church choir at Mullumbimby and Myocum at various periods (and in his memory, his sister, **Mrs Jeanie Tulloch**, donated an electrically-driven organ to the Mullum Church Mar1941).*

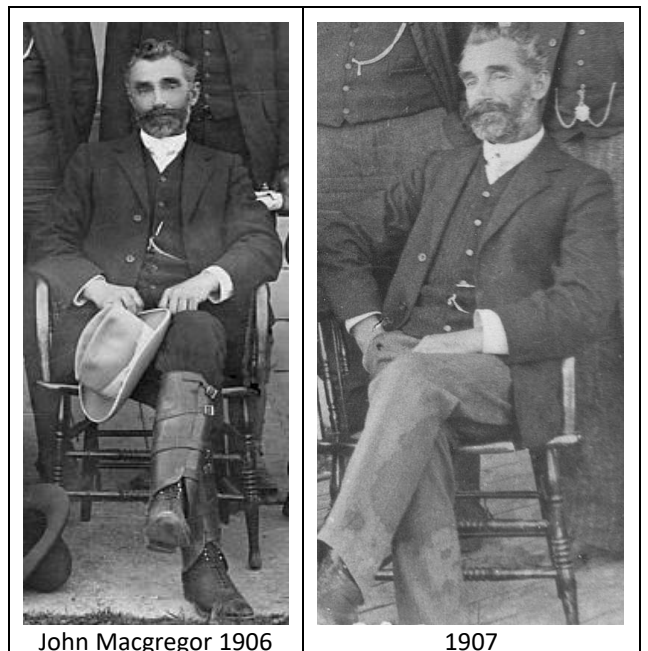
*He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, joining in 1909... and remained a bachelor. He is survived by one brother, **Mr C.H. Macgregor** of Montecollum, and one sister, **Mrs J. Tulloch**, of Sydney. (Charles died a bachelor1943 at his home on Montecollum Rd., aged 82. Jeanie died 1944 Sydney, aged 82. Spinster sister **Charlotte** had died 1930 Sydney, aged 81, while brother **Alex** had died 1932 Malta, aged 72).*

He rightly deserved all the accolades, but given that old saw, 'More lies are told in funeral eulogies than on Anzac Day', it's worth noting that in the pre-Norco period he painted himself into a corner over the establishment of Mullumbimby and re-routing of the game-changing railway. During that entertaining saga his nemesis, **Stan Woodrow**, alluded to an unfortunate Macgregor personality trait, commenting in the *Northern Star* of 1Aug1891 that *it is absolutely necessary that his dominant propensity should be checked....* And on that same day Woodrow's dubious ally, **Hugh Campbell**, said *As the majority decline to allow him (Macgregor) to be dictator, he has turned milky and threatens to form a new Association, so that he can be President....*

Formation of a new Progress Association followed on from the railway rigmarole and was Macgregor's uncompromising challenge to dissenters of his grand vision for the neighbourhood, the first notification of which was an advert placed in the *Northern Star* on 5Aug1891 by **Thomas Torrens**, **John Reddacliffe** and **John Macgregor** advising that *A meeting of those in favour of forming a NEW ASSOCIATION at Mullumbimby, will be held at the Post Office (Mr R.W. Reddacliffe's at Myocum) on Saturday, 15th*



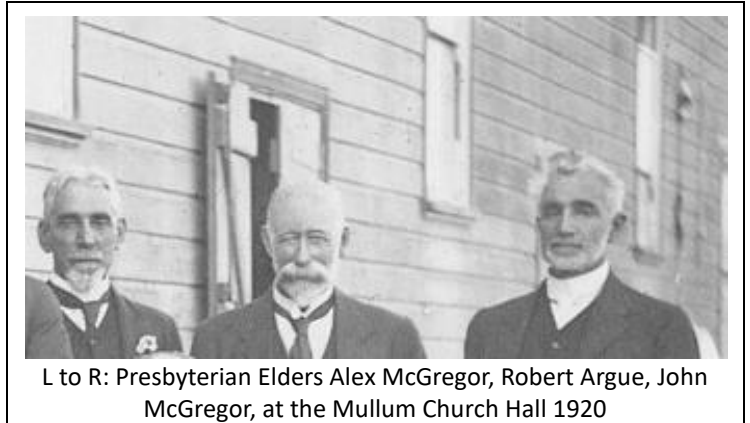
John Macgregor~1905  
(Courtesy Lindy Wallace)



John Macgregor 1906

1907

August at 2.30pm..., the results of which were that those present unanimously resolved to form themselves into a progress association, to be called the "Central Mullumbimby Association." The following officers were appointed:- President, **Mr H. Tyler**, Vice-Presidents, **Messrs T. Torrens, and M. Dawson**; secretary, **Mr J. Macgregor**; treasurer, **Mr R.W. Reddacliff**. (All Myocum-centric.) Twenty-one residents enrolled themselves as members of the association....



L to R: Presbyterian Elders Alex McGregor, Robert Argue, John McGregor, at the Mullum Church Hall 1920

To which the editor added: Another correspondent, referring specifically to the Mullumbimby meeting, states 'there were 30 present, and after some wrangling, and refusal to hear those opposed to the meeting, the Chairman (**Henry French JP** of Brunswick Heads) consented to put the following resolution to the meeting:- "That this meeting of Mullumbimby residents considers that the (current) Progress Association is sufficient for Mullumbimby, and deprecates the action of those who would attempt to hinder the progress of the district by forming a new association." Sixteen voted for the motion. The chairman declined to take a show of hands against it, saying that it would make no difference as they intended to form the union all the same. 19 of those present then left the room.'

On 5Sep1891 a letter signed 'Mullumbimby' backed up the editor's footnote: ... Thus there were only eleven to form the new association, and not twenty one (21) as your own correspondent's report seems to infer. **Mr Tyler** was not present.... The members of the so called "Central" Association have always opposed the advance of the township of Mullumbimby, underneath which the editor added: To Correspondent "S.G.W.", letter received, but correspondence closed.

And that was the last time for Woodrow and 2nd last for Campbell that they ever got anything published in the *Northern Star*, while owner-editor **Thomas Hewitt** continued to back his 'Brunswick Correspondent' on all issues. But not to be outmaneuvered, **Thomas Doran, Hugh Campbell, R. Argue, W.G. Shearer, N. Campbell, M. Chisler, J. Tyrrell, J. Corcoran, A. Gillies, J. Yates, Peter Olson, T.B. O'Neill, A.B. O'Neill and W. Thailer**, signed a letter saying *We, the undersigned, residents of Mullumbimby, beg to state that we were present at the new Association meeting on August 15th, and we can corroborate the statement which appeared in your columns, to the effect that out of the thirty who were present 16 voted for the motion disproving of the formation of a new Association. As 19 left in a body, there were only 10 left (presumably discounting biased Chairman French) to form the new Association.*

On 21Oct91 **R.W. Reddacliff, A. Torrens, Matthew Dawson, Thomas Torrens snr, Vivian Boxsell, Robert Marshall, Alex. H. M'Gregor, John Donaghy, Patrick English, Herbert Clarke, Joseph Boxsell, Peter Nelson, H. French, W.F. Bonnell, Thomas Torrens jnr, W. Reddacliff, James Watterson, Chart Roubson, G.H. Chapman, T. Torrens, J. Johnson, J. Stanton, John Torrens, T. Johnson, J.W. Reddacliff, Duncan Cameron, Thomas Jarvis, D. Withers(jnr), Robert Smith, A.F. Wallis and J. Flitcroft** said *In reply to the letter which appeared in your issue of 30th ultimo, signed by a few of the residents of Mullumbimby, which has evidently been worked up to damage, if possible, the new Association, we the undersigned, land-owners and residents of the Mullumbimby district (mostly Myocum), desire to state, that we approve of the formation of the new Association, and we accord it our hearty support, believing that in the best interests of the district the formation of the "Central Mullumbimby Association" was not only justified, but necessary.*

The census of Apr1891 found no-one living in the 'Village of Mullumbimby', although folklore has it that around this time **Tim O'Neil** and **Joe Yates** were living there in tents or slab huts. And developers and speculators were given certainty with confirmation that the railway would indeed go through Mullumbimby, licensing **Donald McGougan** of Lismore to open the Mullumbimby Hotel by Oct1891 and **Hugh McDiarmid Livingstone** of Bexhill to stock the first general store by Dec1891, at which time builder Yates had completed the School of Arts, the pet project of **Stan Woodrow**.



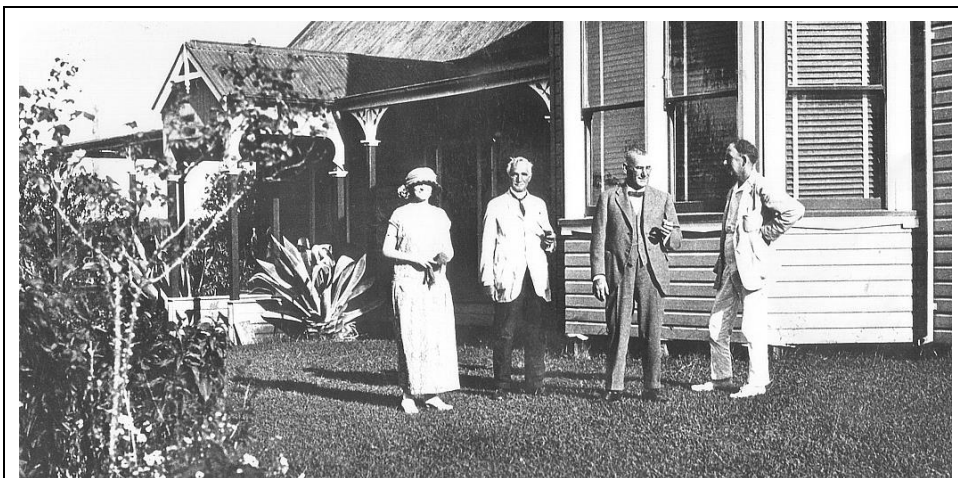
L to R: Frank Harkness, John Macgregor, u/k, u/k, Fred Ward, ~1923

At the close of 1891 Woodrow's team was in the majority for the official opening of the School of Arts, a significant event that didn't rate a mention in Macgregor's reports

to the Northern Star. It was formally declared open by the president of the Byron Bay Association, **J.B. Kelly** of Tyagarah, at a gala function MC'd by **Hugh Campbell** with the assistance of **Joe Yates** and attended by people from all over the place, including **W.R. Baker** of the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate* who toasted the residents, *making special reference to S.G. Woodrow, who had been indispensable as secretary to the committee...*, and now the township had been absolutely inaugurated.... **Stan Woodrow** served as secretary for the next 10yrs, while **Thomas Torrens** was the only identifiable member of the Macgregor clan who made it onto the committee over that period. And following the 'inauguration' references to 'Mullumbimby' gradually began to imply the new village rather than the 'Molebunbie' settlement at Myocum.

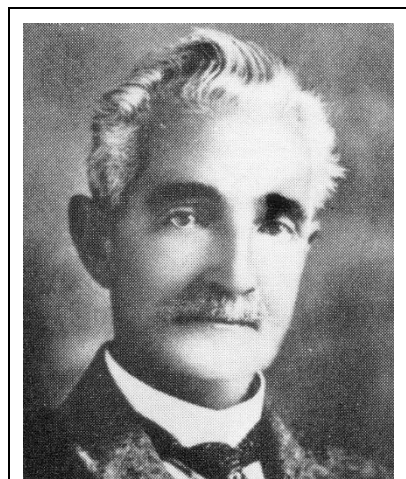
In mid1892 the mischievous **Hugh Campbell** became a paid-up member of the revived *Brunswick Progress Association* and subscriber to the *Brunswick School of Arts*, MC'ing their Grand Winter Ball, deemed the best ever according to the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate*, but unreported by the *Northern Star's* 'Brunswick Correspondent'.

On 19May1894 the *Northern Star* reported the opening of the railway at Mullumbimby by the Minister for



'Glenlyon', Myocum, 1920s (John Macgregor white coat next lady.)

Works. Mullum school teacher and Myocum land owner **Mr H.L. Thompson** read the following address of welcome and petition combined:- ...You are a great bloke but we're not happy with certain sections of the Byron-Mullumbimby route and we want tram lines to the main line to convey our sugar cane to Condong.... Signed on behalf of the residents by **J. McGregor, W.G. Shearer, M. Chisler, P. Olson, and John McLeod**.... (At this time Chisler had been sacked from the Mullum Prog Assoc.) **Mr Alex. Corr** (shipping agent) then presented the following from the residents of Brunswick Heads and vicinity:- ...You are a great bloke but we still want harbour works.... Signed on behalf of the residents by **R. Marshall**.



John Macgregor ~1930

All of which awakened Baker's 'Mullumbimby Correspondent' from his long slumber: *On Saturday, the 5th instant, a meeting of a semi-private nature took place in the parlour of Mr M'Gougan's hotel... to discuss the opening ceremony for the railway. There were six gentlemen present. Mr Chisler occupied the chair and explained at some length the objects of the meeting.... Mr J. M'Gregor followed, and in an enthusiastic speech warmly supported the chairman's views.... The six gentlemen then went into business in a really systematic manner. They first appointed themselves into a demonstration committee.... On Tuesday, the 15th instant, a large number of people met the Ministerial train. With the exception of a very small arch made of sugar cane, in the station yard, there was no attempt at decoration.... The Minister then asked for the President of the Mullumbimby Progress Association. Mr Chisler stepped forward and shook hands, and the Minister addressed his reply to him. Mr Chisler has no connection with the association, but the Minister did not know of the deception....*

On 20Jun1894 the *Northern Star's* 'Brunswick Correspondent' retorted that *It should be stated here that a discreditable attempt has been made by a correspondent to both the 'Richmond River Times' and 'Tweed Advocate' to bring discredit on those of the public who initiated and worked up the proceedings for the reception of the Minister for Works at Mullumbimby.... It is to be regretted that personal feeling will sometimes allow people to make unfounded statements reflecting on those who endeavour to promote the prosperity of the district in which they reside....* (He also noted that a public meeting was held at Mullum to urge the establishment of a direct mail service to Murbah, with **Mr M. Chisler** presiding and **Mr H.L. Thompson** as secretary....) Thereafter there was no challenge to the views of the *Northern Star's* 'Brunswick River correspondent'. Macgregor, enjoying the unquestioning patronage of editor Hewitt, continued to consolidate his high profile and control of the Brunswick agenda without contradiction from any leadership rival.

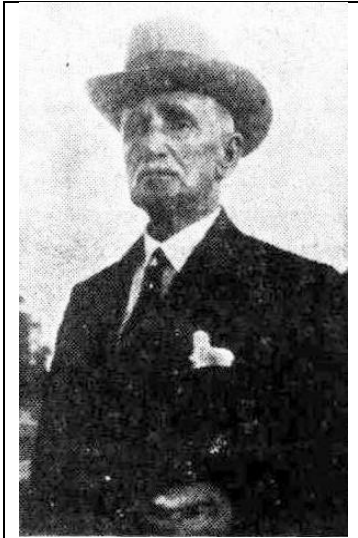
### Progress Association Revisited

On 11Feb1895 the *Northern Star* reported that *A public meeting was held at Mullumbimby on Saturday to form a progress association for the district. The attendance was small, only 10 persons being present. However, it was resolved by those*



present to form themselves into a progress association to represent the whole of the Mullumbimby district. Two associations had existed previously in a languishing condition, and it was thought that effective work might be done if an amalgamation took place. After objections on the part of some present to accept any official post, the following were appointed: President: **M. Chisler**; Vice President: **H. Livingstone**; Secretary and Treasurer: **A. Cameron**.... I think that good work will be done by the new body around Mullumbimby if a liberal policy is pursued, and certainly there is plenty of room for improvement....

Two days later the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate's* 'Mullumbimby Correspondent' reported the meeting thus: ...**Mr Campbell** said the object of the meeting was to re-organise the Mullumbimby Progress Association and unite the whole people of Mullumbimby into one solid body. They had been split up into different sections for a long time, and until they all united they could not expect speedy progress. **Mr J. Macgregor** said he was there that day to bury the hatchet... and he thought that **Mr Campbell** had successfully brought the two parties together.... Mr J. Macgregor proposed and Mr Campbell seconded - "That this meeting accepts all the rules of the late Mullumbimby Progress Association." Carried unanimously....



John Macgregor  
(Courtesy Northern Star 4Nov36)

On 13Mar1895 the *Northern Star's* 'Brunswick Correspondent' said: *On Saturday last at the first meeting of the new body those who are opposed to an amalgamation rolled up and declared that the previous meeting was illegal, &c. There was some very stormy business. After a lot of wrangling a public meeting was formed, and the following business was done..., Hugh Campbell* being amongst the movers of various motions. *It is not likely that perfect harmony will be established yet at Mullumbimby. The most amusing part of it is that some of those who are evidently fighting most for "place" in the community are those who hold least stake, and whose practical results are almost nil.*

On 20Mar1895, for the first time in 3½yrs, **Hugh Campbell** got a letter published in the *Northern Star*: *Sir,- When a writer supplies an epistle to a newspaper it should be his aim to contribute truthful information for the good of the general public; but I am sorry to say this is not the case with your Brunswick correspondent. It has become an undisputed fact with the residents here that he only writes to the papers when he has an axe to grind. It seems to be his delight in trying to breed discord among the residents here, who do not believe in his views, and it is very evident he will stop at nothing to gain his own ends. His letter of 13Mar1895... contains an erroneous paragraph calculated to do me a personal injury. Speaking of a public meeting held at Mullumbimby on the 9th instant, he says, "Mr*

*H. Campbell moved - 'That the Court House be removed from Brunswick to Mullumbimby.' " Now, Sir, I did not move any such resolution, nor did anyone else at that meeting. There has not at any public meeting held at Mullumbimby been a resolution passed asking for the removal of the Court house from Brunswick to Mullumbimby. By circulating the above report your Brunswick correspondent has created a great deal of animosity between the residents of Brunswick and Mullumbimby, and in doing so he is trying to saddle the blame on my shoulders....*

*[A country correspondent has often to obtain information second hand, and may thus very easily be led into making a mistake as to the mover of a resolution. We do not think in this instance that our correspondent could have had any desire to make Mr Campbell appear as the mover of the resolution, only believing that he was stating the fact.- Ed. Star.]*

That same day the 'Mullumbimby Correspondent' for the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate* also confirmed that the second meeting of Mullum's new Progress Association was a shambles, that Cameron never attended the first meeting and nobody would confirm the minutes. **Mr Chisler** was one of those who threatened to leave the room if he did not have things his own way.... After about two hours of heated discussion, the chairman (Chisler) declared the new association defunct on account of the first meeting being informal. They then went outside and took a few deep breaths before returning to carry on as a Public Meeting, with Chisler voted back in the chair and **Campbell** appointed as secretary, who was instructed to write to the Member about the establishment of a Court of Petty sessions and police station at Mullumbimby.

A week later (27Mar1895) a letter signed by **Matthew Chisler** appeared in the *Northern Star*: *Sir,- It having been brought under my notice that an attack has been made upon the truthfulness of your Brunswick correspondent by Mr Hugh Campbell regarding a piece of news sent to you, I wish to say that I gave the news to your correspondent. I read the article referred to, and wish to say that it is put in print just as I gave it to your correspondent. The meeting was a very stormy one, and in mistake I gave Mr H. Campbell's name instead of Mr A. Cameron. Your Brunswick River correspondent could not possibly mean any harm, and from what I know of his high character and liberality of views, any news sent to you may be received with every confidencs. [If that seems suspiciously like Macgregor's wordage, Chisler (Schussler, born in*

Germany in 1841), had been publicly embarrassed by Macgregor in the pages of the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate* for a similar cock-up back in Feb 1892, raising the suspicion he couldn't read or write English, except for a signature.]

Macgregor's 'Brunswick River Report' appeared in the same edition with no contrition for the error: *I regret much to note that you have been troubled with a letter from Mr **Hugh Campbell**, endeavouring to make out a case against my veracity as a correspondent.... Mr H. Campbell has several times, both in public and in ordinary conversation with myself, advocated the removal of the Court House from Brunswick to Mullumbimby.... The whole trouble at the meeting in question was owing to the fact that my motion from the previous meeting - "That this meeting of the public forms itself into a Progress Association to be known as the Mullumbimby Progress Association, to advocate the wants of the whole of the Mullumbimby district" - was not put upon the minutes, nor of course read at the subsequent meeting. I leave this to you, Mr Editor, without comment. You can judge who should have the grievance. Mr Hugh Campbell was secretary.*

Presumably Campbell wrote an intemperate response, implied by the Editor who wrote (10Apr1895) *To Correspondent "**Hugh Campbell**," Mullumbimby:- We published a letter with your signature, which was ostensibly to correct the mistake made by our correspondent. The chairman of the meeting very honourably admitted that he was responsible for the mistake. You thus got all that was due to you, and we would again convey to you that you are only wasting time, paper, and ink, expecting that you can get letters like your last inserted in our columns. Communications devoid of personalities, and on public matters may find a place, and none other.*

On the same day the *Northern Star's* 'Brunswick River' report noted that *Another meeting to re form the progress association at Mullumbimby was held on Saturday, as there had been no regular meetings for some considerable time. The election of office-bearers was as follows;- President, Mr **Allan Cameron**; vice-Presidents, Mr **H.M. Livingstone** and Mr **P. Olson**; Secretary, Mr **S.G. Woodrow**; Treasurer, Mr **W.J. Riley**..., and Cameron, Woodrow and Macgregor were instructed to draw up a petition protesting the intention to remove duties on sugar. Presumably Chisler fell on his sword and Campbell sent to the sin bin, while Woodrow and Macgregor had signed a truce.*

Campbell took his grievance to **W.R. Baker** at the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate*, who said *To Correspondents:- ..."**Hugh Campbell**," duly to hand. We do not think any good purpose would be served by the insertion of your letter, refused by the Northern Star, in our columns. It is clearly a matter between you, the editor of the paper and its Brunswick correspondent - whose productions have previously caused us much annoyance.*

Machiavellian **Hugh Campbell** moved to Perth a month after the Jul 1895 election, at which he had advocated a vote for Protectionist **J.B. Kelly** over Free-Trader **W.R. Baker**. In Perth he became a prolific letter writer on worker's rights, stood as a Political Labour League candidate, got expelled from the party, was scandalously separated from wife Anna, and then abruptly left the stage. After a short stint as a miner he returned to NSW where he died in 1928, the same year Anna finally obtained a divorce. (See Nixon story at [90.-Newsletter-November-2019.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](#). **John Macgregor** hung-in and remained centre stage, the *Tweed Daily* of 7Jul1937 profiling him as a *cultured amiable Scotsman who is universally respected and admired...*, while **Stan Woodrow** faded into obscurity, apparently living a hermit's life on his Mullumbimby Creek property in his twilight years.

Peter Tscicalas

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**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**@10.30am**

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**10.00-12.00**

**Market Saturdays 9.00 - 1.00**

**MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKET**

Next Market- Saturday 20 Mar  
[mullummarkets.com.au](http://mullummarkets.com.au)



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**Meeting time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 10.30am**  
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## OBJECT OF THE MONTH

This year at each market we are featuring a special object, with each accompanied by a booklet covering its history/story, put together by new member Dr Frederick Theiss.

The February market was to feature Kevin Brereton's sculpture, *Heritage*, which was removed from the Mullumbimby Cenotaph and recently reinstalled in Summers Park. The interesting story of this unusual war memorial sculpture is covered in the booklet.

Unfortunately the market was cancelled due to the very wet weather.



The March **Object of the Month** is the revitalised 'Replica Pioneer Slab Hut'.

The hut was the brainchild of Stan Ceglinski, with the crew in this photo helping in its construction.

L to R standing: Laurie Russell, Jack Harkness, Ken Watson. Stan Jesbere

L to R front: Brian Hosie, Maurie Summers, Barry Wighton

Absent: Ray O'Neil

Fred's booklet gives all the juicy details, including why it eventually became a locked storage shed.

Come and check out what has been occurring at your museum.